

Lionel who?

Linebacker Mike Little offers Houston quarterback Lionel Wilson a taste of Aggie hospitality via a bonecrushing hit as defensive end Keith Baldwin leaps for the block. The Aggie played one of the most physical games of the year, pound-ing the Cougar backs and receivers into submission.

Staff photo by Greg Gammon

Aggie win 'painful' for Coogs

By FRANK L. CHRISTLIEB

Battalion Staff s University of Houston wide receiver ell Phea limped out of the shower after his potball team's 7-6 loss to the Texas Aggies, his aimed expression told the story. The bloody ashes on his shoulders and the caution with highhe walked showed what a beating he had en in the Cougars' loss.

After getting his scraped shoulders ban-ged, the 5-11, 175-pound Phea made his y toward his locker, finding that walking is much more effort than it had three hours

pposed to do," Phea said. "They always talk out how little I am, but even if I am little, it's ing to take more than a couple of licks to get

The Aggie and Cougar defenses spent the ach team's offense. As it turned out, Phea rew more attention from the Texas A&M dense than anyone, but still managed to catch

we passes for 89 yards.

Phea quickly added that the loss wouldn't ampen the spirits of the Cougars, who now nust return home to face 5-0 Southern Methodist University.

We're going to be up for SMU. Most peo-le think we aren't, but we are," Phea said. Aggie quarterback Gary Kubiak's 43-yard

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touchdown run with 1:35 left in the third quarter gave Texas A&M the first lead of the game. but members of both squads were startled by Kubiak's sudden burst of speed. UH coach Bill Yeoman said he didn't feel that Kubiak's rushing was a determining factor in the game even though the Aggie junior finished with 91 yards on 15 carries.

'I don't know what happened on that one he ibiak) got loose on," Yeoman said. "He (Kubiak) got loose on," gained a couple of yards here and there, but he didn't kill anyone

Aggie linebacker Mike Little, who with 11 tackles tied linebacker Bobby Strogen and defensive end Keith Baldwin for the team lead, said Kubiak's touchdown run surprised

"I was shocked," he laughed. "I never knew

he could run that fast."

After allowing the Cougars to score a touchire game inflicting pain on the members of down with 1:04 in the game, Little and the rest of the Aggie defense stopped quarterback Lionel Wilson's desperate two-point conversion attempt. Wilson threw a pass to fullback David Barrett, but the pass was underthrown and the Aggies were able to keep the ball until time ran out. Little, who defended on the two-point attempt, said the Cougars were nearly successful in their efforts to leave with

"If he (Barrett) wouldn't have gotten the heat on him, and (the turf) hadn't been slip-

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pery and the pass hadn't been bad, it might have been a different outcome," Little said.
Yeoman said he felt that Wilson, even with

15 completions in 26 attempts for 216 yards, wasn't as effective as he had been against the Baylor Bears the previous week. 'Our little quarterback just didn't quite

have a good day," Yeoman said. "He's a sophomore and he's going to have his bad days. Bless his heart, it just wasn't one of his good days.
"We went down and just couldn't get the ball in the end zone. We just couldn't quite execute the way we had to execute, and the

way he (Wilson) will. Wilson said Yeoman was right in his decision

to go for the two points instead of the tie. We really wanted to win this game and we knew it was do or die in that situation," Wilson

said. "We had to do whatever it took to score.
"We should have gotten the football in the end zone the first half. A&M has a good football team, I've got to give them credit. It's just

that any given day any team can win."

The most valuable lesson learned by the Cougars about the game was that they shouldn't underestimate their opponents. Yeoman, visibly upset by the outcome of the game, said Houston didn't learn much from

"There has to be some good out of every-thing, but there's darn little good in losing."

PART ZOIL

Oiler fans get something to relax about in 35-17 win

United Press International HOUSTON — Houston Oiler fans left the Astrodome before the two minute warning content that the Oilers' game against the Seattle Seahawks had been won without any last-minute defensive

The uncharacteristic Oiler performance Sunday was a balance between the running of Earl Campbell and the passing of Ken Stabler, which provided for a 35-17 rout of the Seahawks and which allowed local fans an unaccustomed relaxed fourth quarter.

When Campbell wasn't carrying on one of his team record-setting 39 carries Sunday, Stabler was faking the run to him and throwing his soft passes over the Seahawks heads

"The passing game obviously depends on how well you run the ball," said Stabler.

Campbell pounded the Sea-hawks for 186 yards and two short touchdown runs, while Stabler passed for 156 yards and three touchdowns of between 24 and 32

Middle guard Ken Cannard put the game into perspective from a defensive standpoint: "Our offense performed beautifully to-day. It really enabled our defense to get a much needed rest. The Snake (Stabler) went out and per-formed like we knew he would."

Despite previous offensive problems, Head Coach Ed Biles said it was not Stabler who concerned him when the Oilers fell behind 10-0 in the first quarter.

"I wasn't concerned about our offense. I was more concerned about our defense. They (Seattle) executed well and we were down for a little while. But we hung in there and I felt from the beginning of the game we were going to move the ball," Biles said.

Stabler's first touchdown pass, a 31-yarder to Ken Burrough late in the first quarter, came on a fourth down-and-one-yard situation at Seattle's 31. Seahawks Head Coach Jack Patera, who had seen on films that Stabler passed only six times one week before, was

"We knew Campbell was going to be tough," he said. "But we thought we could get a few more turnovers than we did. This is the best that Kenny has played all

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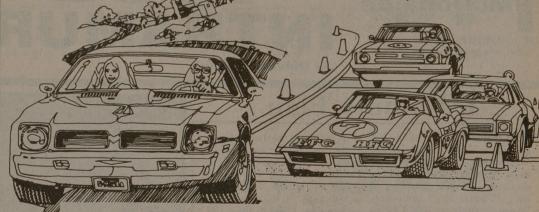
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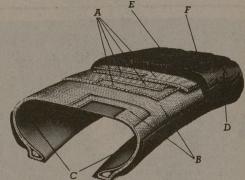
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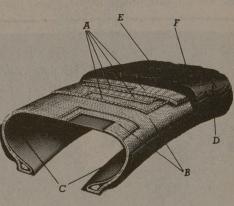
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